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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

I interviewed MR. EAMES at his home on Friday, March 22, 1968 at 6:00 p.m.

I brought with me a copy of the Secret Service report (CE 1154, 22 h 191) and the FBI report (from the National Archives) for EAMES to read.

EAMES said that he had taken half a day off and had gone to the public library to read in the Warren Report the testimony and statements made by EAMES and his wife. EAMES also read the testimony of BILL STUCKEY.

My memo on EAMES, dated March 22, 1968, indicated that a man visited LEE HARVEY OSWALD on a Saturday morning in July of 1963. The description of the man who visited OSWALD seemed to indicate that it might be BILL STUCKEY.

The following is an itemized list of particulars concerning the man who visited OSWALD compared with the facts from STUCKEY'S testimony before the Warren Commission (11 H 156).

	Oswald's visitor according to Eames.	/ Bill Stuckey testimony
Date of visit:	In July, 1963	/ August 10, 1963
Day of week;	Saturday	/ Saturday
Time of day:*	11:00 A.M.	/ 8:00 A.M.
Duration of talk:	15 - 25 mins.	/ "A few minutes"
Place of talk:	Thru screen of porch - Oswald on porch, visitor in driveway.	/ Both Oswald and Stuckey on porch.
Visitor's dress:	White T-shirt	/ Unknown
Made future plans	Yes	/ Yes

EAMES said that OSWALD seemed to be full of "pent up violence" and seemed to be "oozing hatred".

OSWALD'S DEPARTURE:

During September of 1963, EAMES said that he saw the same station wagon parked at OSWALD'S that had originally brought OSWALD and his family to 4905 Magazine. (EAMES had seen the car when OSWALD was moving in but did not see OSWALD until the first encounter.) The station wagon stayed for 3 or 4 days during which time OSWALD loaded the car with his possessions. EAMES said he never did see any rifle or gun or any weapon in OSWALD'S possession.

One day when the car was fully loaded (the whole back end of the car was completely full), and parked on the street, EAMES was waiting for a bus to go downtown. While standing on the corner, EAMES was looking at the station wagon and at this point OSWALD rushed out of the house, gave EAMES a stern look, and proceeded to check the car doors to see if they were locked. That was the last time EAMES saw OSWALD.

THE ASSASSINATION:

On the day of the assassination, EAMES was working in Charenton, Louisiana, on a field construction job. EAMES and another man left to return some empty oxygen and acetalyne cylinders to the distributor. When EAMES arrived at the delivery point to unload the empty cylinders, a Negro man was standing on the loading dock saying, "Well, they did it." EAMES enquired, "Did what?" "Killed the President." said the Negro man. EAMES rushed into the office where a radio was blaring the news of the assassination. EAMES cannot remember at what point he thought of OSWALD, but he did know that OSWALD was bound for Texas and EAMES thinks he knew OSWALD was going to the Dallas area. EAMES said OSWALD came into his mind before he heard a description of OSWALD on the radio. While driving back to New Orleans, EAMES remarked to his friends (they had picked up another Corps of Engineers employee on the way back to New Orleans), that "I know someone that could have done it."

EAMES had never heard a description of OSWALD, but for some reason he was sure that the assassin was OSWALD.

Upon reaching his home, EAMES entered the house and his wife, who had been watching TV, said, "Guess what". EAMES said, "Don't tell me.", and his wife returned, "The guy next door did it."

MR. & MRS. EAMES STATEMENTS IN THE NEW ORLEANS NEWSPAPERS:

States-Item - November 23, 1963
Page 1, Sec. 1, Col. 7:

A. P. EAMES { knew who could have done it long before I learned Oswald had been picked up as the suspect". }

Times-Picayune - November 23, 1963
page 88, sec. 1, col. 1.
Article by Dick Seither

"He was very arrogant" Mrs. Doris Eames, who lived next door to the Oswalds at 4903 Magazine said. "He wouldn't associate with anybody, never had any friends."

Neither Mrs. Eames nor Mrs. Garner found it very hard to accept Oswald as the suspected assassin, they said.

Mr. A.P. Eames said he told fellow workers he though he "knew who could have done it long before I learned Oswald had been picked up as the suspect". Note: Only a little over an hour lapsed between the assasination and Oswald's arrest.

Eames, "I regard Oswald as a very arrogant person in that he would not greet you or make any attempt to be congenial, friendly, or neighborly."

MRS. GARNER: "He used to pass you up like you were trash."

MR. GARNER: Expressed mixed emotions over the prospect of Oswald being the President's assassin. At first Garner said he didn't believe Oswald capable of it. "He was too quiet, too reserved."

MRS. EAMES: "For a time today, they said Oswald was hiding in a library in Dallas. They didn't find him in the library, but I said he certainly ought to know his way around a library. My husband saw him at the public library several times, and he was always bringing home arms full of books from the library."

I showed EAMES some photographs I had with me and he recognized OSWALD, SHAW and FERRIE.' He said of HAROLD SANDOZ's picture, "He looks familiar."

at question

EAMES asked me how tall KERRY THORNLEY was and I told him a little taller than OSWALD. EAMES then said, "This could be the man who visited OSWALD if his hair was shorter" (referring to THORNLEY's long forelock). I asked EAMES if he was sure that if THORNLEY had shorter hair than in the picture (I was showing EAMES a picture of THORNLEY with his wife), he would greatly resemble OSWALD's visitor. EAMES said, "Yes."

I did not have the picture with THORNLEY wearing his hair short and combed down in front, but I intend to see EAMES again to show him the complete Rogue's gallery.

EAMES stated that he would be glad to help us in the future. He was detailed in his recollections.

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